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' Peace of the World, and for rendering
' Mankind happy; and as he who diſcovers
' great Abilities for ſo glorious a Task, will
' find his Merit known and acknowledged
' by the World, Bunglers will for this Rea-
' ſon put in for the Bays without any De-
' gree of Merit,——— for Vanity is always
' ſtrongeſt in the weakeſt Minds.

' Reaſon is the great Prerogative of Man
' above the Brute Creation; but it is a Gift
' which Nature is pleas'd to diſpenſe by
' very unequal Portions, amongſt her Chil-
' dren, yet ſuch is the Pride ſeated in the
' Heart of Man, or elſe ſuch the peculiar
' Happineſs which attends Ignorance, that
' no Man ever complained of a Want of
' Senſe in himſelf; nay, there are a thou-
' ſand Inſtances of Perſons who have not
' only own'd, but even boaſted of their
' Rogueries, when there has been any Thing
' either bold or ingenious in the Contrivance
' or Execution of them; but I believe from
' the Beginning of the World to this Day
' there is not an Example of one who ever
' confeſs'd himſelf a Blockhead.

' We will ſuppoſe then, that in the pre-
' ſent Criſis of political Affairs, it may be
' as much againſt the true Intereſt of *Spain*
' to come to a Rupture with *Great-Britain*,
' as it can be oppoſite to that of *Great-Bri-*
' *tain* to quarrel with *Spain*, and that the
' Marquis *De las Paz* preſuming upon his
' own Sufficiency and great Genius, ſhould
' promiſe the King his Maſter to take ſuch
' Meaſures as ſhould effectual diſperſe theſe

' Clouds, and ſilence the Murmurs of his ' Neighbours.—To this Purpoſe he augments ' the Troops, puts the Armies in Motion, ' and brings a great Expence upon his Coun- ' try; however, he anſwers it very well, by ' ſaying, that it is an Expence, which is to ' ſave a much greater Expence, *viz.* that of ' a War; wherefore he ſuppoſes that every ' Man will chearfully ſubmit to it; yet if ' the whole World ſhould afterwards be ' convinced that theſe Meaſures had intan- ' gled his Maſter's Affairs, and the Inſults he ' had offer'd his Neighbours, were the only ' Cauſe of rendering a friendly Accommo- ' dation impoſſible, we muſt not expect that ' he ſhould frankly own, that it was his ' Ignorance, and Want of Underſtanding ' which had brought all theſe Troubles up- ' on his Countty; that he meant well in- ' deed, but it was his Misfortune to meddle ' in Affairs for which he had no Capacity.— ' No, on the contrary, he will have Re- ' courſe to ſome Subterfuges, cover himſelf ' with a Thouſand palliating Excuſes, and ' pretend to maintain that he had acted wiſe- ' ly, but that the Nature of thoſe Things ' will not ſuffer his declaring his true Rea- ' ſons.—An Anſwer (if it be allowed to ' be good) that will ſerve for excuſing all the ' Blunders that ever were committed from ' the Beginning of the World.

' On the other Side, we ſhall ſometimes ' ſee the Conduct of Men in Power miſre- ' preſented by Inſinuations and Innuendo's, ' even where they have acted with great

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' Prudence and Foreſight; but of all Ways
' of traducing, the moſt artful and cun-
' ning ſeems to be by vile Encomium and
' wretched Panegyrick; for what can be
' a greater Abuſe or more ſevere Satyr than
' a bad Defence? Therefore he that has a
' Mind effectually to ruin the Reputation of
' another, muſt ſeem to take his Part.——It
' is like a treacherous Ally, who under Pre-
' tence of defending you, marches with you
' into the Field, diſarms you by Stealth, and
' delivers you into the Hands of the Enemy.

' The Reader no doubt will gueſs, by this
' Compariſon, that I have my Eyes upon a
' late Pamphlet, whoſe Author very officiouſly
' (for I dare believe he had no Call for it)
' preſents himſelf as the Champion of cer-
' tain Perſons, who want no Seconds. The
' Arms he is pleaſed to make uſe of, are a
' Heap of Fictions back'd with no Proofs,
' nor ſo much as ſupported by Appear-
' ances; but indeed, in the Beginning of
' his Fable, when he ſpeaks of the ſtrange
' Alteration lately happened in the Face of
' publick Affairs, he tells us, that every Man
' will expect or *invent* ſome Account of ſo ſur-
' prizing a Scene; ſo that, if you often find
' him advancing Things that never were, or
' never will be, you are to conſider them
' only as the Sallies of a quick Imagination,
' and a peculiar Happineſs at *Invention*.

' But we every now and then find him
' taking off a little of his Diſguiſe, and diſ-
' covering the Enemy under the Mask of
' Friendſhip, as where he is inculcating a

' Notion

' Notion which he often repeats.——That ' whenever the Pretences made for ſuch ' Actions appear upon Examination to be ' groundleſs, we are to ſuppoſe, there muſt ' be ſome ſecret unjuſtifiable Reaſon behind, ' not fit to be declared; immediately after ' which, he begins to advance ſome ſtrange ' improbable Cauſes, for ſending Fleets to ' the *Baltick*, and elſewhere.

' No Doubt this is a cunning Way of at- ' tacking Peoples Reputations, but I cannot ' hold it either generous or fair, where he ' ſays, that ſomebody *ſhould report that the* ' *Duke of* Ripperda *ſhould ſay ſuch and ſuch* ' *Things*; Nobody will ſuppoſe that the *Bri-* ' *tiſh* Nation ſhould engage in a War upon ' Account of the Duke of *Ripperda*'s Table- ' Talk, tho' it were true, that he ſaid what ' is reported.——But tho' I do not believe ' this, I am not therefore to conclude, that ' the true Reaſons of the War are ſuch as ' cannot be juſtified; for I conſider, that ' when a Writer of this kind aims at ex- ' poſing the Reputation of Men in Power, ' by a counterfeit Defence, the worſt Argu- ' ments his Invention can furniſh him with, ' are the beſt for that Purpoſe.

' *Alexander* the Great gave Orders, that ' none but *Lyſippus* ſhould make his Statue, ' and no Man beſides *Apelles* ſhould preſume ' to draw his Picture; our Miniſters cannot ' pretend to iſſue out ſuch arbitrary Com- ' mands; it is therefore no Wonder that ' Bunglers and falſe Friends ſhould ſome- ' times intrude themſelves upon this Task,

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'and ſupply the Places of honeſt and inge-
'nious *Artiſts*; however, this can do them
'no great Harm, for good Conduct will
'prove itſelf by good Effects; and the great
'Cardinal *Richlieu* ſaid, that all Deſigns
'were ſucceſsful or otherwiſe, juſt as they
'were managed with Prudence or with
'Folly.

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AN ANSWER TO Mr. *MIST.*

SIR,

AMONG the many Truths in ſacred Writ, the following is demonſtrably certain, That *altho' Light is come into the World, there are many who love Darkneſs, rather than Light, becauſe their Deeds are Evil.* This, notwithſtanding it originally alluded to the Light of the Goſpel by our Saviour, and the Lovers of Darkneſs to his Enemies; yet that pathetic Saying is often verified in other Affairs of Life: Of which I obſerved a very pregnant Inſtance in your

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Journal of the 28th of *January*, N°. 93. which ſeems to have been publiſh'd with Deſign to infuſe additional Poiſon into the Minds of ſo many diſaffected People in our Iſland, who on every Occaſion appear not only to be at Enmity with the preſent Government, and Adminiſtration; but at Variance with our Religion, Liberties, and every Thing valuable among us. The chief Scope of your above-mentioned Libel, favour'd as if intended to expoſe and vilify the late Pamphlet publiſh'd in Vindication of the preſent Miniſtry's Procedure in this critical and allarming Conjuncture of a threatning War. In order to which, you ſtruggle to make appear, that what is aſſerted in it as Fact, are only political Inventions, Fable, and Falſhood. And in order to ſcreen your ſelf from a Puniſhment which you have Reaſon to dread from thoſe who hitherto have let ſuch Invectives paſs with too great Impunity, in one Part of your Journal you pretend (with what Art you can) to lay the Scene in *Spain*, while in the mean-time, 'tis plain, you deſign it ſhould be under-

underſtood *London*, and make the Marquis *de las Pas* ſeem to act what you inſinuate, is perform'd by our preſent *Britiſh* Adminiſtrators. Among your Obſervations, you quote ſome of my Lord *Shaftsbury*'s political Maxims, viz. " *That Mi-*
" *niſters of State ſhould produce clear*
" *and demonſtrable Proofs, that their*
" *Proceedings were not only intended*
" *for the Publick good, but were alſo*
" *grounded upon the beſt Principles of*
" *true Policy and good Senſe, eſpecial-*
" *ly in Countries where People have*
" *a right to demand, and receive*
" *Satisfaction, for all the Proceedings*
" *of thoſe in the Adminiſtration of pub-*
" *lick Affairs*". I am amazed, that you ſhould have been ſo imprudent as to ſingle out that particular Quotation, and thereby to furniſh Weapons for effectually diſarming, if not deſtroying, your ſelf; ſince it appears evident, that as we do live in a free Country, where Satisfaction is demanded of the Proceedings of thoſe in the Adminſtration of publick Affairs; by the Publication of the late Pamphlet, entitled, *An Enquiry into the Reaſons of the Con-*

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duct of Great-Britain, *with Relation to the preſent State of Affairs in Europe*, againſt which you ſhoot your Bolt; by it, I ſay, the Publick has obtained that Satisfaction you mention, yea, in the moſt ample Manner that could be deſired; the whole in it ſupported with Truths demonſtrable, and irrefragable... I confeſs if our preſent Miniſtry was ſo corrupt and baſe as to permit and countenance the publiſhing of what was falſe and ſpurious, the very free People you mention could not reſent it with ſufficient Indignation: But why don't you, with your Art of ſly Innuendo's, point out one ſingle Falſhood in all that's aſſerted? For my Share, I have ſuch Charity for that Spirit with which you write, that did you know any one Untruth in the Whole, you would not ſcruple to expoſe it to the Publick *totidem Verbis*, and well you might in this free Country, were not your Inſinuations malicious and ill grounded; for if, I ſay, one ſingle Falſhood could be produced, it would not be like a lighted Candle hid under a Buſhel, ſeeing Care would be take

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by Incendiaries to make it blaze forth even to a Conflagration. But theſe Things called Facts, are hard Morſels for the Enemies of our Government to digeſt, except by ſome of our own home-bred *Oſtriches*, who have Gullets capable to ſwallow, and Stomacks apt to digeſt the hardeſt Metal. It would be ſurely ſtrange (even according to my Lord *Shaftsbury*'s own Aſſertion) to imagine that a whole Nation, eſpecially *Britain*, would *implicitly repoſe their Wit and Judgment on the Report of Men, who were obliged to colour over Things to keep off Comtempt and avoid Puniſhment.* If this was the Caſe of our preſent Miniſtry, as indeed it is not, they muſt be the moſt artful Colouriſts that ever were heard of, eſpecially when all that they aſſert is back'd with ſuch diſtinct Circumſtances of the preciſe Time and Place, and the very Day in which they were tranſacted. It is alſo unaccountable that other Countries, independent of our Miniſters, ſhould tacitly ſuffer themſelves to have been impos'd upon by them; but ſo far

far it is from this, that before the Publication of the Pamphlet, call'd the *Enquiry*, others Abroad had declared the ſame Facts to the World which we afterwards found therein confirm'd: And ſtill more ſtrange would it have been, if the oppoſite Powers did not detect any ſuch Falſhoods in their *Gazettes*; and yet no Denials of theſe Facts have ever appeared to the World except in your Journal: Never, I ſay, by any, even the greateſt Enemies to the *Hanover* Alliance. But to come to Particulars; if the Inſults and Infractions of ſolemn Treaties receiv'd from the Emperour and Court of *Spain* are not Facts; it is wonderful that the moſt Chriſtian King ſhould particularize ſo many, in his Anſwer to the Complaints of *Spain*, delivered him by the Pope's Nuncio; namely, that the King of *Spain*, in his Conduct with *Great-Britain*, was manifeſtly the firſt Aggreſſor and Infringer of the Treaties which ſubſiſted between *Britain* and him; by the Confiſcation of a great Number of *Engliſh* Ships, and many other Occaſions of Complaints given, and Injuries

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juries receiv'd, for many Years from *Spain*. All which were laid open by Mr. *Stanhope* in his Memorial to the *Spaniſh* Miniſters; and that *Spain*, inſtead of redreſſing theſe Grievances, on the contrary did encreaſe and augment them daily. If theſe I ſay are not Facts and Truths, 'tis amaſing that the *French* ſhould as well as we publickly aſſert them as ſuch. But being ſo glaring in themſelves, and unconteſtedly true, they had the Power effectually to ſilence the Nuncio, and even thoſe who were conſcious of the Veracity of them and their own Guilt: Thoſe I mean, who had employ'd the Nuncio to addreſs the *French*. But ſince you are contending for Facts, let me but ask you in few Words, if the Emperor's ſetting up a Company at *Oſtend*, to trade to the *Eaſt-Indies*, is a Violation of a ſolemn Treaty to the contrary, or not? And if the Aſſiſtance given him therein by the King of *Spain*, is not in like Manner a Breach of publick Faith, and a contradicting the very Sentiments which he had given out to the World before on that Subject? I think the denying of this, would be as ridiculous, as to aſſert that the

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Spaniards are not this Moment in an hoſtile Manner before *Gibraltar*; which Place, with all imaginable Solemnity, they freely gave to *England* for ever. Theſe and many other Facts contain'd in the *Enquiry*, are among thoſe, which will, I dare ſay, puzzle you and your Party to deny; tho' it will clearly ſhow to the World, that the only Motive you have in diſputing demonſtrable Truths, is, becauſe you unqueſtionably have *ſome ſecret and unjuſtifiable Reaſons behind not fit to be nam'd.* But this peculiar Method you've got in denying Facts, is ſomething like the ſtupid Philoſopher, who would not believe that there was any Motion, until he found himſelf in an Error, by another's giving him a Blow on the Face; and indeed I think there is a Sort of Neceſſity to cudgel ſome People into good Manners when too inſolent. But, pray Sir, with what Confidence can you thus ſpread abroad your ill-grounded Innuendo's, as if our Miniſtry had not produced clear and demonſtrative Proofs, that their Proceedings were intended for the publick Good, or *grounded upon the beſt Principles of Policy and good*

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good Senſe? Or how can your Conſcience permit you to inſinuate, that they have been in any Reſpect wanting to give the free People of *Britain* the Satisfaction which was requiſite or could be deſired? Beſides, what may we reaſonably ſuppoſe would have been the Conſequences, had our Miniſtry acted in another Manner than what they did? Suppoſe we had not ſent a Fleet to the *Weſt-Indies* to hinder the Arrival of the Galleons; had their Treaſure been brought into *Spain*; their Money, which is the Nerves and Sinews of War; what might we reaſonably expect would the Conſequences have been then? Why, evidently certain it is, that they, the Enemies of *Great-Britain*, would have been put in a Capacity before now to have acted with proportionable more Vigour againſt the true Intereſt of *Great-Britain*, and more able to put in Execution their deep Deſigns againſt our Nation; deep, I ſay, like Hell, and cruel like the Grave, to the total Subverſion of our Government, Laws, Religion, and Liberties, Deſtruction of our Com-

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merce, and what ſums up the whole, and would be the Complication of all our Woes, to force a Popiſh Pretender upon the Free Proteſtant People of *Great-Britain.* I now appeal to your own Breaſt; have not then our Miniſtry, by warding off theſe fatal Blows, in every Reſpect fulfill'd Cardinal *Richlieu*'s Maxim concerning Deſigns, which prove themſelves to have been well-conducted, ſeeing hitherto (by the ſpecial Bleſſing of Providence) ours have been managed with ſuch Prudence as have made them ſucceſsful, and our Conduct prov'd good, by the good Effects they have already produced. Where then does it appear that our Miniſters have been *puſhing falſe Ideas of their own Capacities upon the World? What are the little Artifices you mention? who are thoſe inferior Tools? the pretended Machiavels in their Way?* as you unjuſtly inſinuate. For if according to your own Words, *Government was inſtituted for the Peace of the World, and rendring Mankind happy:* Is it not clear that our preſent Adminiſtrators have, and are ſtruggling for nothing elſe but to preſerve

ſerve and maintain that Peace and Happineſs which others are unjuſtly endeavouring to diſturb and uſurp: contrary to all right and the moſt ſolemn Engagements of publick Faith, having laid Schemes for diſturbing not only *Britain*, but the Tranquility of all *Europe?* But to proceed; among the many ſly and unjuſt Innuendo's ſcatter'd every where through your Journal, there is one hinted at, and couch'd with more Guile, but argued with greater Sophiſtry than any of the others, namely, as if the *Britiſh* Nation was ſo imprudent to commence a War upon Account of the Duke of *Ripperda*'s Table-Talk. Sir, give me Leave to aſſure you, this Innuendo is the very cunning Way, which you your ſelf mention that ſome have in attacking People'sReputations; this is the very Artifice named by you of *blaming Men in Power by Miſrepreſentations, Inſinuations, and Innuendo*'s, even when they are known to have acted with Prudence and Foreſight. Are you not aware, Sir, that by ſuch falſe Aſperſions, you offer an Indignity and Affront to the whole Nati-

on of *Britain?* As if her People and Legiſlatures were ſo fooliſh as to eſtabliſh on ſo ſmall a Foundation the Superſtructure of a dangerous and expenſive War. I confeſs you have Cunning enough to hide your ſelf from their immediate Reſentments, by ſaying no Body will ſuppoſe they would engage in it for ſo trivial a Reaſon: At the ſame Time I appeal to your own Heart, if you do not inſinuate, as if that was one of the principal Reaſons for *Britain*'s commencing a War? But if it be Fact; as indeed the conſequent Actions prove it to have been ſo, that the Duke *de Ripperda* did expreſs himſelf in an open Manner about the *Spaniſh* Deſigns againſt *Britain*, although we never made that the ſole Reaſons for commencing a War; yet if Prime Miniſters are but the Ecchoes of their reſpective Courts; had we not then Reaſon to take due Umbrage at ſuch publick Declarations, and accordingly prepare for our Defence? Were we to ſuffer our ſelves and Allies to be inſulted with the impertinent Names of *Petite Meſſieurs*, and not vindicate our Honour

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nour by our Power? Were we to permit *Gibraltar*, the chief Support of our Trade, founded upon Right as our Property; were we, I ſay, from the Effect of the Emperor's Secret Treaty with the King of *Spain*, to ſuffer it to be unjuſtly demanded by, and as eaſily granted to, the very Nation, who was once glad of the Articles to give it to *Britain* for ever? More than that, were we to ſuffer any Potentate in *Europe* openly to threaten the forcing a Popiſh Pretender upon us? Thoſe, I ſay, who in the Face of the Sun have dar'd to cheriſh his Adherents, Aidors and Abettors. How could we poſſibly continue Friendſhip with thoſe, who notwithſtanding they were ſmiling in our Faces, were however privily ſmiting us under the Fifth Rib? Or were we tamely to ſee another ungrateful Prince, who, to the Blood and Treaſure of *Britain*, owes his Hereditary Dominions and Imperial Diadem; were we to ſee him forming offenſive Alliances againſt us, we, the very Nation that from his Infancy nurſed, and protected him from the Jaws of Perdition? Were

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we tamely to see a Serpent bred in our own Bosom sting us, and we not feel and resent it? Or could we, or can we, cancel out of our Memories the late Services done him at Cape *Passaro* by our Fleet, in securing to him all he has in *Italy*, and the additional Donative of a new Crown to him, *Sicily*, for a New Years Gift; are we calmly to succumb, and be obedient to his Imperial Nod, in letting him rifle us of our Property, strip us and our faithful and inseparable Allies the *Dutch*, of the most valuable Jewel we have, our Commerce, and in Time, if not prevented, rival us in Trade and Shipping, even within our own Seas in the very Face of *Great Britain*, notwithstanding the Honour and Faith of himself and Family, have been pledg'd to the contrary, and determinately fixt by the most sacred Tye of the solemnest Treaties? Or can we pretend to have the least Bowels of Compassion for our distressed *Protestant* Brethren Abroad, who, in the Face of Heaven, have been lately led out like Sheep to the Slaughter by their inhumane Butchers, and we

we not ſympathize with their hard Fate, and fetch one Sigh for their Calamities, and even expect the ſame Deſtruction our ſelves from the diabolical Principles of *Popiſh* Perſecution; did we not take Care (by the Bleſſing of God) to prevent it? Say then Journaliſt? Are theſe or are they not Facts, moſt of which are ſo recent as we cannot cancel the Horror of them yet out of our Minds, and many others beſides theſe, fully illuſtrated in the abovementioned Pamphlet, which you challenge? If ſo, which the World cannot without downright Perjury deny; are they not juſt Motives for Reſentment? Can we ſee a Dagger at our Breaſt and not endeavour to hold the Hand of our Murderer? For according to what you your ſelf have aſſerted, *if Reaſon be the Prerogative of Man above the Brute Creation*", could we have any Pretence to it; ſhould we willingly forſake the natural Principles of Self-Preſervation, and ſuffer ourſelves to be bereaved of what is neareſt and deareſt to us? Let me then, Mr. Journaliſt, tender

you

you this wholeſome Advice; Search your own Heart, and *root out that Pride ſeated there*, and not indulge yourſelf in the Happineſs which you ſay attends Ignorance, for at the Bottom it will ſavour of a want of Senſe, to aſperſe other People by furniſhing them with Characters drawn from your own Breaſt: For your Innuendo's, ſly Hints, unfathomable Inſinuations, if you'll pardon the Simile, is like a common Courteſane's inſulting an honeſt Woman; for the former is ſure to upbraid the Woman of Virtue with her own Character. As for thoſe Rules laid down by you for carrying on Deceit, *viz. of flattering and cajoling, and blinding the Eyes of a Prince*, or I may ſay a Party, and making then all ſafe, as you expreſs it; why, all this ſhows you are a compleat Maſter of the Subject, and that you may indeed *put in for the Bays*; nay, I can't help thinking, but your Party eſteem you a *Machiavel* in your Way; but if you yourſelf fancy ſo, depend on't, you'll make good your own Aſſertion, *viz. That Vanity is always the ſtrongeſt in weak Minds.*

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Minds. For I apprehend the great Abilities you ſpeak of, will not be acknowledg'd by the World in you. It would likewiſe ſeem you do not keep the very beſt of Company, ſince it appears, that among them you know *a Thouſand Inſtances of Perſons, who*, you ſay, *have not only owned, but even boaſted of their own Rogueries*: Nor do I think, that the Boldneſs or Contrivance of the Execution of them, can palliate their Deformity. I ſhall loſe no more Time in reſuming the Candour of ſome other of your ingenuous and well-concerted Hints of the admirable Maxims of *traducing in the moſt artful and cunning Ways, by vile Encomium and wretched Panegyrick*: For as they ſeem dictated out of the abundance of your Heart, by them it appears your Mouth ſpeaketh: Among the Number of which, you do the *Hanover* Alliance the Honour of ſaying you are *not to conclude, that the true Reaſons of the War are ſuch as cannot be juſtified.* If this be the *counterfeit Defence* you mention, I know not; and if

you are not conſcious that all you have ſaid, are indeed the *worſt Arguments you could furniſh your ſelf with.* However, give me Leave to put you in Mind, that one very unfair Way you have taken in repreſenting Things, by making appear an exact Parallel, drawn out of the Reaſons and Intereſts of *Britain* and *Spain*, and their coming to a Rupture with one another, inſinuating thereby, as if *Britain* had given the ſame Grounds for quarrelling with *Spain*, as *Spain* has given *Britain*: Whereas I defy you and your Party to inſtance one Provocation given by *Britain* to *Spain*, but where we were forced to it by their Injuſtice and the Honour and Ingagements we lay under: Nor can you inſtance one Treaty between *Spain* and Us that we have infring'd, or one ſingle Caſe in which we have been the firſt Aggreſſors. I own, nor will any Mortal deny, but it is our Intereſt to have the Friendſhip of *Spain*, by Reaſon of the Trade we have had with that Kingdom. But are we to buy theſe Advantages at the Price of giving up

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theſe very ſtrong Holds which will ſecure our Trade to us in Spight of their Schemes to the contrary? Are we always to lay ourſelves open to the Mercy of *Spain*, either to receive, or not receive, Injuries and Incroachments, when we can keep a Rod of Iron in our Hands to force them to do us Juſtice? Are We to trade to their South-Seas, and yet not be ſure that the very Ships and Cargoes we ſend, will ever be ſuffer'd to return to *Britain*, without being ſeized and made Prize of, under Colour of a Thouſand falſe Pretences? Are We to purchaſe the Trade of *Spain* at the Expence of ſeeing them ſupport a Confederate Prince of their's in an unjuſt Traffick, navigated in our own Seas? Or are We to court the Friendſhip of a Nation, which we on all Occaſions find that, in their Hearts, they will never be at eaſe, 'till they place on our Throne a King, forſooth, of their giving, a Man according to their own Heart, a Worſhipper of graven Images? What a Sight would it be to a *True Briton's* Eye, to ſee *Jeſuits* and *Capuchines* in their Habits, walking freely in the Streets of *London*,

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London, damning the whole Race of Mankind, who would not adore the God of Nature in the Shape of a Pancake of their own conſecrating? Why, really Sir, if you are an Advocate for ſuch a Cauſe, unveil your Diſguiſe fairly, and no more *diſcover the Enemy under the Maſk of Friendſhip*, as you expreſs it; declare openly for the Triple Crown, preach up *Tranſubſtantiation* to be the moſt rational Doctrine upon Earth, and that both Reaſon and our Senſes conſpire to prove the Wafer a God. For if you continue under the Proteſtant Veil, with which at preſent you cover yourſelf, you'll need no *Lyſippus* to make a Statue of you, nor an *Apelles* to draw your Picture; for you'll ſpread abroad to the World ſo perfect an Idea of your Perſon and Inſide, as will make you as well known in *Britain*, as a Hackney Coach is diſtinguiſh'd by its Mark and Number. Now I have mention'd a Hackney Coach, I cannot but ſay that it and a Hackney Writer are much of a-Kin; they are both adapted for the Service of any Kind of Species that

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are deſirous to employ, or be driven in them. What will not the quotidian ſtipendiary Hireling do for diſcontented Courtiers and abortive Politicians who employ him? What will not a Papiſt or a Favourer of them give to any who will exalt the Doctrine of indefeaſible Right, paſſive Obedience, and Non-Reſiſtance, the Power of the Keys, *&c.* or a Drunkard the Power of the Bottle.

Diſcarded Courtiers put me always in Mind of the fallen Angels; they cannot help being inraged at thoſe who poſſeſs the Paradiſe, from which, for their Pride and ill-Conduct, they were baniſhed: Whatever Hackney Scribler they can get, he'll be ſure of a Reward, if he ſtick at nothing that will flatter their ſhatter'd Party, and propogate their Revenge, being keen to muſter up their broken Legions, in order to battle it with Liberty, Goodneſs, or Heaven itſelf, provided they have it in their View to deſtroy the Reputation very often of the wiſeſt Legiſlatures, that by traducing and undermining them, they may the eaſier make way for being reinſtated in their former Places and Pen-

Penſions, being envious of thoſe, who by their Merit and Honeſty do juſtly enjoy the Rewards of their Fidelity and true Patriotiſm.

I ſhall only add, that as what I have written on this Subject, are the diſintereſted and pure Dictates of my Mind, being willing to throw in my Mite for Liberty, and ſhow my good Will for ſupporting a Cauſe which I think has the Regard of Heaven attending it; ſo I have the Charity to add my hearty Wiſhes for you and your Party's Converſions. And

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BRITANNUS.

P. S. Since the printing of moſt of the foregoing Pages, I am glad to acquaint you, that I had the Satisfaction of ſeeing a Pamphlet juſt now publiſh'd, entitled, *Letters and Memorials which have paſt between the Miniſters of Great-Britain, France, and Spain*; in which is contained, not only an ample Confirmation of the Facts aſſerted in the *Enquiry*, &c. which you challenge, but alſo corroborates what at preſent I have aſſerted in its Defence; the Particulars of which I refer to Page 29 to 40, in the above-mentioned Pamphlet, of *Letters and Memorials*, &c.

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